

TRIBUTE TO UAW LOCAL 599
REUTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay special tribute to 17 members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) local 599, who on September 18, 2004 will be presented with the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service award. The recipients of this prestigious award are Jesse W. Perry, Dave Carr, Michael S. Polovina, Gordon Harman, Matthew Yard, Dwayne A. Butterworth, Dan Emerton, Mark Fillmore, Andrew T. Puro Jr., Robert G. Singer, Michael C. Wright, Willie Duncan, John W. Bishop, Bill Gawne, Dave Rinker, James R. Ottaway, Donald P. Sorensen, and Earl W. Stephens.

The Walter Reuther Distinguished Service award is bestowed on union members who have authenticated 20 years of notable service. Walter Reuther believed in helping people. He also believed in human dignity and social justice for all. The awardees have committed themselves to these very ideas and principles. Their leadership and unwavering commitment to securing and keeping automotive manufacturing jobs in the Flint area is without a doubt commendable. They have constantly fought for decent wages, education and training as well as human and civil rights. Their efforts have greatly improved the quality of life for the UAW's membership. It is an honor to recognize these special individuals, for they have faithfully, without reservation served their union and community.

Mr. Speaker, many people have greatly benefited from the leadership and service of these awardees. They are individuals of moral character committed to improving the welfare and dignity of those employed in the automobile manufacturing industry. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating these fine people for 20 years of impeccable service to their union and community.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MOSEY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, when Chuck Mosey of Richmond died unexpectedly last month, Richmond lost a leader and, like countless others who had the privilege to know him, I lost a friend. So much attention has rightly been paid to his role as a business leader, a son of Richmond who helped build Mosey Manufacturing into one of the largest employers in our city and rightly so. At a time when so many American business leaders seem willing to take the easy route to profits available to those willing to move jobs out of our community and country, Chuck Mosey traveled the world and proved that Hoosier companies and workers can compete on the world stage and win. Chuck was a fighter and Chuck fought for the jobs of the hundreds of Wayne County families that depended on his courage and vision every day. Chuck Mosey was from

Richmond and he was determined to make his enterprise prosper in his hometown, and he succeeded.

And at a time when so many let work crowd out the most important people in their lives, Chuck Mosey applied the same commitment at home. His utter devotion to his Maxine, wife and mother to Scott and Christopher, was evident to anyone who knew him for more than five minutes. Every time I spoke to Chuck in the last year it was all about Maxine and his profound gratitude to those whose prayers and thoughtfulness had helped carry her through some recent difficult days. And Chuck loved his brothers and sisters but Steve and George were more than brothers, they were Chuck's best friends. As one of four boys myself, I know how challenging sibling relationships can be, but Chuck made it look easy. He did so by taking every opportunity to boast of his brothers, their accomplishments and integrity. I learned a lot about being a brother from Chuck Mosey.

Lastly, Chuck Mosey was a patriotic American who believed in the highest ideals of our Nation. His wit and insight once caused me to refer to him as the "Will Rogers of Eastern Indiana," and so he was. During a recent heated debate in Congress, I called Chuck for some advice. I was determined to take a stand for fiscal responsibility and I figured he was the right guy to call to get a good perspective from home, and I'll never forget what he said. When I explained the latest bloated government proposal being brought before the Congress, Chuck Mosey said, "Don't those people know how much money we don't have?" We both burst out laughing but I was so moved by the simple wisdom of the statement that I returned to the floor of the Congress and used his line in the debate.

A business leader, devoted husband, father, brother and, in my life, a friend was lost to us but gained to heaven last week. Goodbye, Chuck. We will miss you for a while. I can't wait to hear what you have to say about heaven. I'm sure it will be priceless.

USCG RESCUE IN ST. PETERSBURG

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on the 7th of August, a small Sea Pro fishing boat left Steinhatchee, Florida for a day of fishing. The four passengers, all from Monticello, Georgia were caught in a sudden squall which capsize the 23 foot craft. The next night, while they clung desperately to their overturned boat, the skipper's son, John Fish perished and drifted away from the group.

For three days the survivors clung to their wreckage, hoping against hope that they would be rescued.

The overdue boat was reported to the members of the U.S. Coast Guard St. Petersburg Group who immediately began a search of the vessel's last reported area, while Coast Guard searchers from Yankee Station in the North, worked their way down the coast.

During the day of Sunday the 8th, several helicopters and planes, from as far away as Mobile, Alabama, searched the sea to no avail. On Monday, they continued their search

and a C-130 located a hat and an ice chest floating in the water. A short time later, the newly commissioned Coast Guard Cutter *Hawk* skippered by Lt. j.g. Richard O. Dunagan spotted three weary survivors bobbing in the water. The three men, Jake Fish, Keith Smith, and Michael Jackson, were found weak and dehydrated and medevaced to Shand's hospital in Gainesville, FL, by an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, FL. The fourth passenger, John Fish, tragically, was lost to the sea.

The U.S. Coast Guard is a valuable asset in our war on terror, the war on drugs, the navigation of our waterways, and the safety of every American who climbs into a boat. The men and women who volunteer to serve often face the same risks and dangers as our combat troops in the other branches of our military. They are called upon to perform a multitude of duties, and each day they risk their lives in service to our Nation. I am grateful for their service and bravery.

I would like to thank the brave men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard for their selfless dedication and commend them for their hard work and tireless efforts in rescuing these three men.

I would also like to extend my condolences to the family of John Fish who passed away during this tragic incident. Our prayers are with them as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CALLS
FOR ADDITIONAL SUPERFUND
DOLLARS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of a district which contains a number of abandoned industrial sites, I have a particular interest in the Superfund program. Sadly, the priorities of the Congressional majority and the current administration do not include Superfund, and as a consequence, this important environmental clean-up program has been denied the resources needed to meet the promise we have made to many American communities.

In my own district there are three Superfund sites on which I have worked hard, and where we have made some progress, but where inadequate funding threatens to deny the people of the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Fairhaven and Norton the full environmental response to which they are entitled by federal law.

This is a problem of national scope, as evidenced by the fact that the United States Conference of Mayors, one of the leading voices for sensible public policies in our country, recently passed a resolution at its 72nd Annual Meeting in Boston calling for "increasing appropriation levels for Superfund." The resolution notes the slowdown in remediation that is taking place because of the preference for tax cuts for the wealthy over important public needs, and urges us to increase the Superfund appropriation by \$300 million a year for the next five years.

This is a very well informed and important statement from a group of thoughtful public officials who share with us the responsibility for

public policy in this country, and I ask that the Conference of Mayors' very cogent resolution be printed here.

JOSEPH L. NELLIS, FORMER CHIEF
COUNSEL OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON THE JUDICIARY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay respect to Joseph L. Nellis, 87, former Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee during the early 1980s, who passed away July 10 from congestive heart failure at his home in Northwest Washington, DC. He also served as Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, and Associate Counsel of the Kefauver Committee (the U.S. Senate Committee to Investigate Crime in Interstate Commerce). Joe was also a prominent local businessman, Democratic Party insider, and Washington area resident for more than 60 years. In addition to his public service on Capitol Hill, he argued a number of landmark cases before the Nation's highest courts, developed downtown properties, and founded the G.E.M. (Government Employees Mart) Department Stores.

Born in 1916 in Minsk in what is now Belarus, Joe grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and Northwestern University's School of Law. He moved to the Washington area to work at the Office of Price Administration and Control in 1944.

His service as a Captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II was marked by several decorations, including one for work with the cryptology team that broke the Japanese Navy's secret code and led to the American victory at Midway.

Following a stint at the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) guiding post-war relief efforts in Greece and Italy in the late 1940's, he returned to Washington to enter private practice. In late 1949, Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tennessee) called him and asked, "Joe, I'm about to get the Senate to pass a resolution authorizing an investigation of organized crime. It's never been done before. Why don't you come up to the Hill and help me chase some gamblers?" Nellis became associate counsel and the youngest member of the first Senate investigation into the activities of organized crime in interstate commerce. He achieved instant recognition among audiences nationwide when the committee's New York hearings—featuring such legendary mob figures as Virginia Hill and mafia boss Frank Costello—became the first nationally televised congressional hearings. After conducting a 2:00 a.m. "secret" deposition of entertainer Frank Sinatra regarding his connection with then-exiled mob boss Lucky Luciano, Joe determined that calling Sinatra as a public witness would not further the mission of the committee and might only serve to damage Sinatra.

Joe was a prominent advisor to Presidential candidates, including former Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, and Senator Kefauver during both his 1952 and 1956 bids for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination. In 1968,

he served as Deputy Director of Citizens for Humphrey-Muskie. For a number of years, Joe was also a friend and advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt and later served as general counsel for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation.

In private law practice, Nellis argued major civil and corporate cases. He challenged the constitutionality of the DC abortion statute in the first abortion rights case accepted for argument before the U.S. Supreme Court (*United States v. Milan Vuitch*, 1971). In a newspaper interview, Joe commented, "The key questions here are: does a woman have an absolute right to control the reproductive processes of her own body, . . . and does her physician have the freedom to prescribe medical treatment as he sees fit, without vague threats of prosecution for a felony?" He then played a role in the successful argument of *Roe v. Wade* by assisting the attorneys to prepare for their appearance before the Court.

Joe was also the author of numerous articles in professional and popular journals and coauthor of *The Private Lives of Public Enemies* (McKay, 1974 and Dell, 1974). Surviving family includes his wife, Muriel, sons David M. Nellis and Adam Pressman, daughters Barbara Nellis and Amy Pressman, and nine grandchildren. Because the House Judiciary Committee is a family of sorts, I would like to recognize Joe's extended family.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we have lost a former Hill staffer who served the House and Senate for many years with distinction on critical issues to this country.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MATTHEW
BOISVERT OF TYNGSBORO, MAS-
SACHUSETTS

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave Marine from my District, Corporal Matthew Boisvert of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, for his patriotic service to our country. Matthew has twice been deployed to Iraq, where he performed courageously as a squad leader in Um-Qasar and the volatile town of Fallujah.

On August 17, tragedy struck when a roadside bomb tore through the humvee Matthew was patrolling in, leaving him critically wounded. But despite his injuries, Matthew's spirits have remained high and his faith strong. The first words out of his mouth to his mother were not those of anger or sadness, but rather concern for the well-being of his fellow Marines back in Iraq.

Matthew knew the risks of war when he enlisted in the Marine Corps the summer after high school. But he was willing to make the sacrifice necessary to defend his country and protect our democratic ideals. At the young age of 18, he left his friends and family behind to endure the harsh realities of a war-torn land. Our Nation, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Tonight, I plan to visit Matthew at Bethesda Naval Hospital to thank him for his honorable service. I am certain that all of our colleagues will join me in expressing our heartfelt grati-

tude for his courage and wishing him well as he begins to recover from his injuries. I will renew my commitment to him, and to all of our troops stationed overseas, to ensure that they have the equipment and the support they need to perform their duties. These brave Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen are on the front lines defending our national security. We owe it to them to provide the protection they deserve. And when these heroes return home, we must afford them the support, the respect, and the honor they have earned.

VERMONT RESIDENT WINS THE
ROBERT PENN WARREN AWARD
FOR POETRY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to commend a Vermont resident, Harriet McGraw, known to her friends as Hatsie, for winning the Robert Penn Warren Award for poetry. Her poem, "Neighbors in the North End," was selected as the best of 853 submissions in a competition which saw entrants from 252 poets from 42 states and foreign nations. The competition was sponsored by the New England Writers Conference.

Hatsie McGraw lives in Windsor and works in nearby Springfield, where she is the librarian at the Park Street School. She represents part of what is best about our state: an ongoing creativity that is the hallmark of much in Vermont, a creativity which brings forth not just poetry but handbuilt furniture, innovative small businesses, and popular music. As just one instance of that creativity let me cite her husband Tom, a painter whose works in mixed media were recently exhibited in a show of his work, "Elements of Diversion," at the New England Gallery.

We in Vermont are proud of Hatsie McGraw, and of the countless thousands like her who move ever onward in search of new things to do, new heights to scale, new skills to put to use.

HONORING PARKS CHAPEL AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland, California for 85 years of ministry and invaluable service to the community.

Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in September 1919 as a mission in West Oakland by the late Reverend J.M. Brown. The church was named in honor of the late Bishop H.B. Parks of Oakland, and was granted a charter in May of 1920. The Congregation's membership has grown steadily over the years, leading it to relocate to larger worship sites twice before settling at its current location on Thirty-Fourth Street in Oakland under the spirited and inspired leadership of Reverend Donna E. Allen.